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REPLY TO ATTN OF: [redacted]/Dr Rockefeller/RSTL

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: [redacted] (Col Ayres)

24 JAN 1961

1. Referring your telephonal request of 22 January for

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2. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

4. This information was prepared from material in the AFBMD archives. It may be incomplete. It has not been coordinated with any AFBMD element.

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Background of the [redacted] Development & Management Structure (C)
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cc: Lt Colonel Shiner - [redacted]

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Review of these papers and action looking to the establishment and support of the SAGE development program indicates:

1. High level scientific advisory group considered that because of the complex nature of the program, its magnitude and the risks involved, that it required special scientific engineering talents, and a special management structure, utilizing top talent.

2. No decision has been announced from these requirements.

3. Complete details are given on the form of the management structure to be employed, and on its composition and disadvantages.

4. The structure places inherent a great degree of protection of an assurance against the program bog down by the prime contractor, provided that there is better direction and control of contractors by the program.

[redacted] responsibility for the AN/FSQ-XX was transferred from WADC to that AC and CRDL in accordance with a decision made by the AC Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, ARDC, 20 October 1955. Since the decision appears to have been one which took the system [redacted] out of the hands of the Air Force, it is unfortunate to [redacted] the Air Force, [redacted] and management. The small delegation of an ESD system which exists with very [redacted] should [redacted] high, Army Ordnance, N/S, ARDC, recommend that the transfer of AN system be carefully planned. As a result, an agreement between Major General B. A. Schriever,

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each contractor had some to make up his team.

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